

## **Project Safe Neighborhoods Program (PSN)**

### **Summary**

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a comprehensive approach to combating gang and gun violence. The program combines state and federal efforts of law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and community-based organizations to cooperatively deliver a multi-faceted approach intended to reduce gang violence and gun crime through intervention and education strategies, enforcement and the vigorous prosecution of all crimes involving either gangs and/or guns.

This program is administered through the United States Attorney in each of the ninety-four federal judicial districts across the United States. In California, OES serves as the fiscal agent for the Northern, Central and Eastern Districts for this program.

### **Program Description**

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Program is a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence by linking prosecutors and community leaders to implement a multi-faceted strategy to reduce gun violence. It is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun-related crime by networking local programs that target gun crime with state and federal efforts and providing those programs with the tools and resources they need to succeed. The program offers unprecedented coordination among law enforcement officials, with an emphasis on prevention, tactical intelligence gathering, more aggressive prosecutions, and enhanced accountability through performance measures. The goal of this program is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining that reduction.

### **Eligibility**

Units of Government and nonprofit organizations are selected for funding by a Committee of the United States Attorney's Offices.

### **Authorized by**

Federal Trust Fund - \$1,664,947

### **Grant Award Period**

October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008

### **Next Application Date**

Late summer of 2008

### **Next Competitive/Non Competitive Cycle**

Future funding is subject to continued appropriation in the Federal budget, the recipient's ability to comply with statutory and programmatic requirements, and the approval of the U.S. Attorney's Offices.

### **Additional Program Information**

OES has been awarded the funding to implement this program on behalf of the United States Attorneys in the Central, Northern and Eastern Districts of California.

### **Where Do I Get More Information?**

This program is administered by the Gang Violence Section of the Public Safety Branch of OES at (916) 327-5664.a